

## **WITT Meeting Las Vegas July 2008**

Present: Beth Palmer, Chairman, Rozanne Pollack, Cheri Bjerkan, Jan Martel, Gail Greenberg, Sally Wheeler, Joanna Standsby, Joan Levy, Terry Lavender, and Nadine Wood.

The minutes of the previous meeting in Detroit were corrected and approved.

The order of play in the round robin will be that the top seeds will meet in the first match on Day one and the last match on Day 2. This reverse order will be put in the conditions of contest.

In Sacramento, round robin two starts on Saturday, May 23 (if a first round robin is required, it will start on Thursday). It will be held in two rooms quite far apart. The KO phase will be held in separate meeting rooms side by side. The room rate is \$99. The Regional begins Monday, May 25 and ends May 31.

We need sponsors. We would need between \$5,000 and \$10,000 for a vugraph sponsor for a year OR \$250,000 for naming the event.

When there are two teams, the number one team receives more money than the number two team.

There has been a change in the conditions of contest that relax the rules on kibitzing. Now they are like closed room rules instead of not allowing any. Closed room rules apply to any matches on vugraph.

A discussion was held on the chaos that seems to come up every time we have sequestering. We agreed to keep the sequestering and try to eliminate the chaos. One thing that will help is to find volunteers to take smokers on break.

We discussed holding a double elimination. Cheri volunteered to figure out a plan and see how it would work.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, November 22, 11:30 p.m. in the Westin Hotel, Great Republic Room on the 7<sup>th</sup> floor.